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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Steven T. Mayer; Vijay Bhaskaran; Evan E. Patton; Robert L. Jackson,  
and Jonathan Reid  
Assignee: Novellus Systems, Inc.  
Title: Process For Electroplating Metal Into Microscopic Recessed Features  
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San Francisco, California  
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a 1-month extension of time within which to respond to the May 28, 2002 outstanding Office Action, such extension allowing the undersigned until September 28, 2002 to respond.

Please charge the amount of \$110.00 as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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